

HONORING THE GOVERNMENT
SERVICE OF DAVID GOOTNICK

**HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank GAO Director David Gootnick for his 27 years of federal service, including 20 years at the Government Accountability Office. His leadership on 50 reports and testimonies covering the territories and freely associated states has been a critical source of information and insight for the Natural Resources Committee. In particular, I want to highlight David's five reviews of the implementation of minimum wage increases in American Samoa—beginning in 2010 and last reporting in 2020. These reports provided vital information that helped Congress monitor economic conditions in the territory and take appropriate actions to revise the schedule of America Samoa minimum wage increases. I thank David for his service, and congratulate him on his retirement. Best wishes to him on his future activities.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF CORPORAL BURL MULLINS

HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Corporal Burl Mullins, who served in the United States Army during World War II and the Korean War and spent his life in service to our country. I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to Cpl. Mullins and his family for his courage and bravery, as his dedicated service cost him the ultimate price.

Corporal Mullins was born in Kentucky on December 19, 1926 and began serving in World War II on March 23, 1945. He continued to serve through the post-war period for one year and nine months. Remarkably, less than two years later, Cpl. Mullins enlisted for a second term of service on September 2, 1948 to serve in the Korean War.

At only twenty-three years old, Cpl. Mullins was reported Missing in Action on November 30, 1950 after enemy forces attacked his unit in the Chasin Reservoir, North Korea. While his remains originally couldn't be found, they were later recovered at the location of the battle where he went missing. It was determined that he was likely killed in action.

In June 2018, after nearly 70 years MIA, U.S. President Donald Trump and D.P.R.K. Chairman Kim Jong-Un conducted a summit meeting in Singapore where Chairman Kim promised to repatriate American remains collected by the D.P.R.K. during the Korean War. A month later, Cpl. Mullins' remains were returned home to the U.S. where he was reunited with his family. His family, who were unsure if they would ever know what happened to him, were glad to have closure and described it as a "wound finally healed."

Cpl. Mullins' return home was celebrated by the small Kentucky community where he grew up. His casket was escorted by a veterans

motorcycle group, and his funeral procession was met with community support, as some members of the community gathered to wave their American flags and pay their respects. The family is grateful to President Trump for the return of their loved one.

Madam Speaker, Corporal Burl Mullins was a courageous patriot who gave his life in service to our country. I am proud to honor him and his family.

HONORING HISPANIC HERITAGE
MONTH

HON. LUCY MCBATH

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month. Each year from September 15 to October 15, the history and culture of Americans whose ancestry can be traced from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America is recognized and celebrated. This observation was first established as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson in 1968. President Ronald Reagan later expanded the observance to a full month in 1988. This thirty-day period encapsulates many celebrations of independence for Latin American countries. September 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico and Chile also celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18.

During this month, we pause to recognize the profound influence of Hispanic Americans across the country. Guided by the promise of freedom and in search of a better life for themselves and their families, some of these individuals arrived with nothing but the clothes on their back and the hope of a better tomorrow. Once here, they charted their course, and created their own unique American destinies. In turn, their contributions have brought new ideas, new cuisines, new cultures to us all, and their presence here has created a more prosperous nation for all Americans. Hispanic Americans have had influence on practically every part of American history, from sports, to the fine arts, to science. Each day I am proud of their countless contributions to our country's story, and I would like to take this month to honor the crucial role that Hispanic Americans play in our society, and in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District in particular.

The Hispanic community in Georgia is proud, vibrant, and ever-growing. I am proud to represent so many of the men and women who have contributed so much to our communities each day—over half of Georgia's Hispanic population lives within the metropolitan Atlanta area. Hispanic Americans help contribute to what makes this Nation remarkable, and I am honored to lift up the voices of those who have selflessly dedicated their lives to building up themselves, their community, and this country. Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Hispanic Americans from all walks of life demonstrated their commitment to community and selfless service in their daily lives. Doctors saved lives, essential frontline workers kept grocery stores and pharmacies operational, and trusted community leaders continue to encourage their friends and neigh-

bors to get vaccinated. I am routinely impressed by the spirit of service and leadership displayed by Hispanic Americans in my district who work hard to give back to their own communities. Their work should be recognized every day, but particularly during Hispanic Heritage Month. Therefore, I am honored to highlight two individuals who deserve special recognition: Natalia Garzón and Zulma Lopez.

Natalia Garzón was born in Colombia but raised in Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Panama. Her passion for diversity and connectivity is what led her to pursue a career in Literature, Creative Writing, and French. Prior to her work in Atlanta, Natalia worked with nonprofits in Central America. She is a founder of RISE, a nonprofit that seeks to empower students in low-income neighborhoods in Panama. In Atlanta, she has worked as a Teacher's Assistant at Montclair Elementary, an ESL Associate Tutor for Tibetan monks and nuns, and she has established a partnership between the LAA's Club de Lectura and the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry at her alma mater Emory University. In September of 2020, Natalia was named the director of development for We Love BuHi, an organization that works to preserve the multicultural identity of Atlanta's Buford Highway. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Natalia and We Love BuHi pivoted their focus to providing the people of the Buford Highway Corridor with locally sourced and culturally centric food to families that were in need. Their efforts fed over 52,000 people, and impacted nearly 15,000 families. Once COVID-19 vaccinations were made available, Natalia was an instrumental part of We Love BuHi's multilingual vaccination outreach efforts, which partnered with other local organizations and the cities of Doraville and Dunwoody to train volunteers and run multilingual vaccination clinics.

Zulma Lopez identifies herself as an immigration attorney, a small business owner, and most importantly, a mom. She was born and raised in Puerto Rico, where she obtained her undergraduate degree and J.D. from the University of Puerto Rico. During law school, Zulma also juggled the responsibilities of being a mom to her two oldest sons. In 2007, she moved to Georgia to reunite with her childhood friend and now husband Dax Lopez, and gave birth to a daughter and son to complete her family. In 2014, she opened her own law practice, Lopez Immigration LLC, to give families their own shot at the American dream by representing them before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and filing family-based immigration petitions. As both an immigration attorney and a small business owner, she is passionate about creating opportunities for women and minority business owners in DeKalb County. As a mother who balanced her own professional development and education while raising her sons, she feels strongly about supporting students from preschool through college. In 2020, Zulma was elected to represent House District 86 in the Georgia House of Representatives, where she serves as the only Latina in the Georgia General Assembly. As an elected official in North DeKalb County, Zulma represents some of the same constituents that I have the privilege of representing here in Congress. I am proud of our shared constituency.

It is my distinct honor and privilege to recognize two of the many Hispanic Americans who work hard every day to make a difference in

the lives of others here in Georgia's Sixth Congressional District. As we continue to celebrate the observation of Hispanic Heritage Month, may we recommit ourselves to the spirit of service demonstrated by these individuals and the many others whose stories have yet to be told. On behalf of myself, the Sixth Congressional District of Georgia, and the United States House of Representatives, I am proud to join in the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. In telling the stories of community members like Natalia and Zulma, we celebrate the power of our Hispanic community in Georgia. As a Representative of our State, I will continue to champion their values of strength, service, and patriotism every day.

JUSTIN ANDRADE

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justin Andrade for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Image Award.

Justin is known as a selfless and inspirational young man who grew up in Arvada. He became a local hero after running 280 miles from Adams State University in Alamosa, Colo. back home to Arvada in honor of his childhood friend, Cameron Holland, and to raise funds for the Cameron Holland Scholarship.

Justin's courageous, ultra-marathon-like efforts demonstrated his commitment and leadership abilities and I wish him all the best in the future. Congratulations to him on receiving this award and I look forward to his future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING THE INTERNET ARCHIVE FOR CELEBRATING ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker. I rise to honor the Internet Archive on the 25th anniversary of its founding in 1996. The organization has developed an extraordinary and highly accessible digital library and has become an indispensable asset to society.

While physical records of books, newspapers, videos, and audio have long been conserved by libraries and archives, no such record keeping existed for the internet in its infancy. Aware of the importance of saving digital documents, the Internet Archive was founded with the mission to conserve digital cultural artifacts for the public and for generations to come. That mission is vital in an age where the internet plays such a central role in all of our lives.

To date, the Archive has stored an astonishing 588 billion web pages, 28 million digitized books and texts, 14 million audio recordings, 6 million videos, 3.5 million images, and 580,000 software programs. Millions of people around the world contribute to the Archive and countless more benefit from having

access to it. The world-class team of employees and volunteers that administer the Internet Archive are a major reason why the project has been such a success, and I'm proud that many of my constituents contribute to the Archive.

The Internet Archive's success is also due to the fact that it is managed as a values-driven nonprofit organization. The Archive is a large part of how we will tell the story of our time and it's a privilege to congratulate the Internet Archive on celebrating 25 years of cataloging the world.

Madam Speaker, I ask the entire House of Representatives to join me in congratulating all of the employees, volunteers, and users of the Internet Archive for celebrating its 25th anniversary.

CELEBRATING HOWARD E. ROBINSON, SR.'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. A. DONALD McEACHIN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. McEACHIN. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life and accomplishments of Howard E. Robinson, Sr., a constituent of Virginia's 4th Congressional District. In February, Mr. Robinson will reach the milestone birthday of turning 100 years old.

Howard E. Robinson, Sr., was born on February 1, 1922 in Chase City, in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to Robert and Mary Robinson. Mary a domestic worker, and Robert, a janitor, both believed in education to provide ladders of economic mobility for their children.

Mr. Robinson attended the Thyne Institute, which was established by the United Presbyterian Church and dedicated to educating Black children. Thyne Institute was the only school in Mecklenburg County for children of color to attend for almost 50 years, and due to the abhorrent policies of the Jim Crow South, Mr. Robinson was unable to attend an integrated school.

From a young age Howard understood the principles and ideas of hard work. To pay for his education at the Thyne Institute he cut grass for the school and drove the principal and his daughter into Chase City to shop.

Howard would graduate from the Thyne Institute as valedictorian, and go on to study at Virginia State College, now known as Virginia State University (VSU), on a full scholarship. While in college Mr. Robinson met Anna Smith, who he would marry in 1951. Mr. Robinson graduated from Virginia State College with a degree in biology.

Upon graduation from Virginia State College, Howard returned to the Thyne Institute to teach geography and English. In 1942 as World War II raged on, Howard was drafted into the United States Army where he served as a clerk and chauffeur for a Captain at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Howard was honorably discharged after more than two years of service.

Following his service, Howard and Anna built a home in Chase City and became active in their community. Howard returned once again to the Thyne Institute, where he would teach biology, chemistry, and general science at the middle and high school levels for fifteen years. Howard went on to teach and serve as a guidance counselor in Mecklenburg County

Public Schools at East End High School for 35 years.

Howard continued to pursue his own education throughout his career. At the request of the Principal and Superintendent, Howard pursued graduate level coursework from the George Washington University, Virginia State College, and obtained a master's degree in Guidance from the Hampton Institute, in 1962.

After spending his career in education, he retired in 1987.

Howard has dedicated his life to service. In total, he taught for fifty years. It is estimated that he educated, counseled, and inspired more than 10,000 students during his career. He also has provided civic, church, and academic leadership in the Southside community. Howard has lived a life of purpose, integrity, and love.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing Howard E. Robinson, Sr., a happy 100th birthday.

JOE HENGSTLER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Joe Hengstler for receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Award.

The Young Professional Award is given to an up-and-coming Arvada community member who has stood out for their work over the past year. As Executive Director at the Olde Town Arvada Business Improvement District, Joe has proven to be a steady force during the pandemic, tirelessly working to support Olde Town businesses and the Arvada community as a whole. Joe led the organization during a pivotal time and developed new and creative ways to aid businesses during a difficult time. Joe also volunteers his time with the Arvada Festivals Commission and helps lead the Arvada on Tap Festival.

Having worked with Joe personally, I want to extend my appreciation for his leadership and contribution to our community and wish him all the best in his future endeavors. Congratulations to him on receiving the Arvada Chamber of Commerce's Young Professional Award.

HONORING DONALD C. HARDY

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 8, 2021

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor a great American, Col. (Ret.) Donald C. Hardy. Mr. Hardy lives in Irvine, Kentucky, and is 94 years of age.

Mr. Hardy comes from a family of service. His uncle, Henry Thomas Hardy Jr., was born in 1921 and served in the Quartermaster Corps during WWII. Hardy's brother, Pvt. Gordon L. Hardy, served in the United States Army, Company G, 2nd Battalion, 271st Infantry Regiment, 69th Infantry Division. At the age of 19, Private Hardy was killed in action in Germany on April 18, 1945. Donald Hardy